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METHOD AND THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD USED THEREIN

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2002-226805 filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>August 5</u>, 2002.

Respectfully submitted.

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